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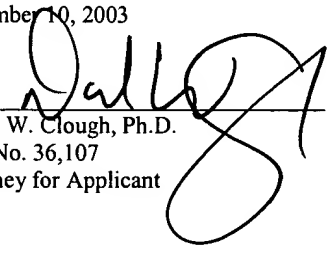
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 12, 2003

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed August 12, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by a request for one month extension of time and the appropriate fee.